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Application No.: 09/761,538

its: William J. Dally

Filed: January 16, 2001

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For: Multistage Digital Cross Connect With Synchronized Configuration Switching

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [ ] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 08-0380 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application. A copy of this authorization is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** 

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

### In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, line 23 through page 3, line 2 with the following paragraph:

A digital cross connect can be implemented in a straightforward manner by demultiplexing each input port, switching all of the time slots of all of the input ports with a